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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

Applicants herewith petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three-month extension of time for filing the response to the Examiner's Action dated June 30, 2000, from September 30, 2000 to December 30, 2000. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$445 to cover the cost of the extension.

Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 19-1090. This petition is being submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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